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Stereo-camera (monochrome)

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STEREOSCOPIC VISION SYSTEM



Background. InDepth Systems Limited of Nottingham, UK, has developed the IDS 2000 3-D television system. It is designed for general industrial, machine vision, security surveillance, and research applications. The system uses standard video components throughout and is capable of supplying 2-D and 3-D images, either of which can be recorded on standard VCR equipment.

Description. The heart of the system is the "Stereo-Camera." which consists of an optical module and an electronic module driving a pair of matched CCD imaging chips in synchronism.

Liquid crystal "Viewing Glasses" (two pairs) are supplied as standard. Other viewing options can be supplied for certain specialist applications.

The complete system is powered and controlled by the "3-D Camera Controller," whose push-button controls allow changes in the optical setup of the camera to be made as the selection of left- or right-perspective 2-D images or a full 3-D image. Controls are also available for a pan and tilt facility (which is an optional extra) and, in addition, a spare auxiliary control is available for specific customer applications.

The IDS 2000 system has been used in remotely operated vehicles for bomb disposal, manipulator arm control, general and covert surveillance, observation, and manipulation in hazardous environments. The manufacturer states that the system can be housed in pressure proof housings for underwater work and that a color system is being developed.

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Distribution:

Standard Diver/Special Warfare Ordnance

Robotics Submarine Surface Ship module. Control console Width 205 mm

Imagers Pulnix 540/560 - 2/3" format CCD interline transfer CCIR NTSC Pixel resolution 500(H)x582(V) 510(H)x492(V) TV resolution (lines) 370(H)x420(V) 370(H)x350(V) Scanning 50Hz 60Hz (2:1 interlace) Video output 1.0 Vp-p composite video, sync. negative Gamma 0.45 (standard) A.G.C. 12 dB Stereo convergence point . infinitely variable from 0.5 m to infinity Irises remote control (parallel tracking) Lenses (C-mount) 8.5 mm or 16 mm or 25 mm standard (specify with order) Weight 1.2 kg (approx) Both imaging chips are driven in synchronism by a single electronic drive

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Contains main system control electronics and function switching facilities. Length 400 mm

Height 75 mm sloping to 30 mm

Control functions

Availability Codes Image selection left (2-D), right (2-D), or 3-D Convergence far, near

Iris open, close Pan left, right Tilt up, down Auxiliary spare control line

Spectacle drive two drive sockets provided as standard

Viewing spectacles two pairs, liquid crystal type. Power requirements 18 V dc - 20 V dc, 0.5 A (max)

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